1	2	3	4
14	Kerala	14	5
15	Madhya Pradesh	31	6
16	Maharashtra	167	35
17	Orissa	6	1
18	Pondicherry	1	1
19	Punjab	38	4
20	Rajasthan	45	4
21	Tamil Nadu	176	13
22	Uttar Pradesh	40	11
23	Uttaranchal	5	-
24	West Bengal	38	12
25	Chhattisgarh	-	1
	TOTAL :	868	117

Pitiable working condition of workers of garment industry

2103. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the pitiable working conditions and low wages of the employees of the garment industries of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to improve the working conditions and wages of employees of this industry for the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Government has not received any reports regarding pitiable working conditions and low wages of the employees of the garment industry of the country. The working condition and wages of persons employed in industry, including the garment industry, are regulated under various Acts *viz*. Factories Act, Minimum Wages Act, Payment of Wages, etc. which are enforced by the Central and State Government.

E-shopping of handicrafts

2104. SHRIMATI. T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal of e-shopping of handicrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) by when it will be implemented with sufficient facilities in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New schemes to promote handloom industry

2105. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to formulate new schemes to promote handloom industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons employed in handloom industry, State-wise;

(d) the quantum of cloth produced by handloom sector during each of the last three years;

(e) whether Government has provided any financial assistance/subsidy to the Handloom Industries during each of the last three years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No Sir. The Government of India has introduced following schemes in the Eleventh Five Year Plan which are comprehensive in nature and cover the interest of the Handloom weavers of the country:-

i) Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme

ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme

iii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme

v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State-wise details of number of persons employed in Handloom industry is given in statement-I (*See* below).

(d) The quantum of cloth produced by Handloom sector during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Cloth production (In Mn. sq. mtrs.)
2006-07	6536
2007-08	6947
2008-09 (P)	6677

(e) and (f) Scheme-wise details of financial assistance released during the last three years are given in Statement-II.